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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO EGYPTIANS ON ARMS PROPOSALS

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1. WHEN MEETING WITH VP MUBARAK LAST EVENING, I RECALLED OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUBMISSION OF FOUR SEPARATE ARMS REQUESTS (REF C). SAID I KNEW THAT THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE MISGIVINGS PREVALENT HERE, AS WELL AS IN SAUDI ARABIA, ABOUT COMMENTS MADE IN THE COURSE OF CONGRESSIONAL STUDY OF THE PROPOSALS. I WAS SURE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION AND WERE NOT DISTURBED ABOUT THE CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF PRESIDENT SADAT AND HE HAD SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AND I THEN WENT THROUGH THE POINTS MADE PARA 3 REF A.

2. MUBARAK SAID BOTH PRESIDENT SADAT AND HE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE ADMINISTRATION ARE MAKING TO ASSURE APPROVAL FOR THE ARMS PROPOSALS. HE HOPED THEY WILL
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SUCCEED. (THIS MORNING'S CAIRO PRESS CARRIES HELPFUL REPORT OF SENATOR BYRD'S OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT RE APPROVAL.)

3. MUBARAK THEN ASKED IF I HAD ANY REPORT ON THE BEGIN TALKS. TOLD HIM I DID NOT AS YET, BUT EXPECT SOMETHING IN NEXT FEW DAYS. I HAD SO INFORMED FONMIN KAMEL EARLIER IN THE DAY. MUBARAK NOTED ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS,

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ATTRIBUTED TO DAYAN, THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE ASKED US TO QUERY SADAT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT LATTER IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WEST BANK/GAZA MATTER IN BEHALF OF THE ARABS. MUBARAK WISHED TO KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE. TOLD HIM I HAD ALSO SEEN SUCH PRESS REPORTS, BUT IN ABSENCE OFFICIAL REPORT ON BEGIN/DAYAN TALKS IN WASHINGTON, I COULD NOT CONFIRM THEM. I REITERATED EXPECTATION THAT A REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. EILTS

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